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Dear Mom & Dad,

I got your tape a couple of days ago and your letter today. The mail has been slow because we've been involved in a big exercise which delays delivery until we are in one spot for a while.

We enjoyed the visit to Palma, especially on Friday when we drove over to the coast. There are several nice fishing/resort towns on the beach. The ocean was very rough and it was fun just standing and watching the surf crash against the rocks. We also toured some enormous caverns with multitudes of stalagmites & stalactites (which is which?)

Friday night I went out to the ship which got underway at 8 a.m.

On Sunday morning the Nimity  
anchored near the Ike close to  
Tangier. Soon thereafter our staff  
with our belongings boarded helos  
for the short hop to the Ike.

This ship is nearly identical to  
the Nimity so I had no trouble  
learning my way around. We  
soon got underway for 14 days  
at sea which is the longest stretch  
normally planned.

The pictures you sent are very good.  
Did you take them from? Diane  
looks very cute and grownup and  
Mary looks healthy & slim - because  
of running no doubt. In fact, you  
all look good and I hope we can  
see you in person soon.

Love,  
Jim